Cultivation of Ganja.

38. *MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are places in Travancore suitable for the cultivation of ganja?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Yes.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know, Sir, whether there is any special reason for importing ganja from outside when that can be cultivated in the State itself?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): We are getting down ganja from Madras in accordance with an agreement entered into with the Government of Madras.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member whether there is any period fixed for this agreement?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Five years is the term for the agreement and the agreement was renewed during 1935.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether any rules have been framed for the cultivation of ganja in Travancore?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): No, Sir.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know from Government whether any representation was made to Government in the matter of cultivating ganja in the State?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): No representation has been received in recent times.

Budget Demands for 1112.

39. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any difference between the amounts voted by this House and by the Sri Chitra State Council in the Budget Demands for 1112; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether this difference has been placed before a Joint Committee and, if not, the reason for the same?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASVAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No, because the Dewan declared under Section 31 of the Travancore Legislative Reforms Regulation II of 1108, that he was satisfied that the reductions made by the Assembly under demands Nos. X—Forest (Rs. 7,756 under C. Protection of game—Salary etc. of Game-warden, his staff etc.) and XII Registration (Rs. 2,400 under A. Direction—Salaries) were essential to the discharge of the responsibilities of Government. Please see G. O. No. Fl. 3376, dated 25-8-1936, published in the Travancore Government Gazette dated 1-9-1936.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know why Section 29 of the Legislative Council Regulation has not been complied with before resorting to Section 31?

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PRESIDENT: You are referring to Joint Committee procedure.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Yes, Sir.

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASVAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Section 29 applies when the whole demand is disallowed. Section 30 applies when a portion of the grant is reduced.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): As it is admitted in answer to part (*a*), may I know whether there is any difference between the amounts voted by this House and by the Sri Chitra State Council in the Budget Demands for 1112.

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASVAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Here only a portion of the grant is reduced and the Dewan has certified the expenditure.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know from Government whether on a previous occasion when there was a reduction in the demand the matter was referred to a Joint Committee?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASVAMY AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Not so far as I know.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): I refer to the instance when the allotment was reduced?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASVAMY AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): It is left to the discretion of the Dewan under Section 30 of the Legislative Regulation.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether the discretion is exercised on any uniform principle?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASVAMY AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Well, the Dewan considered each case on its merits.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Should not the rules be followed?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASVAMY AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Section 30 leaves the matter to the decision of the Dewan. If a dispute arises as to the interpretation, the decision of the Dewan is final under Section 39.

Cart-roads in the Ambalapuzha taluk.

40. ***MR. K. M. KRISHNAN** (*Ambalapuzha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total length of cartable roads in the Ambalapuzha taluk, excluding the roads in the Alleppey Municipality;

(*b*) the names of cross-roads that meet the main road in the Ambalapuzha taluk and the length of each such cross-road;

(*c*) whether any of these cross-roads are cartable ones;

(*d*) if so, the name of such roads;

(*e*) whether there are any poramboke lands available for the construction of cross-roads; and

(*f*) whether any estimate has been prepared in connection with any of these cross-roads, and if so, the cost estimated for each of such roads?

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